

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

- I. WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-11-1 et seq., the Georgia Department of Public Health (the “Department”) is charged with the responsibility of administrating an emergency medical systems communications (“EMSC”) program in the state of Georgia.
- II. WHEREAS FURTHER**, an EMSC program within each health district involves the designation of geographical territories to be serviced by designated ambulance providers.
- III. WHEREAS FURTHER**, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-11-3, the Board of Public Health (the “Board”) is authorized on behalf of the state to designate local coordinating entities to coordinate and administer the EMSC program for each health district.
- IV. WHEREAS FURTHER**, in administering the EMSC program, the Board acts upon the recommendation of the local coordinating entity which coordinates the program within a health district.
- V. WHEREAS FURTHER**, the designated local coordinating entity shall be responsible for recommending to the Board, or its designee, the manner in which the EMSC program is to be conducted, including the territories within a health district to be serviced by EMS ambulance providers and the method for distributing emergency calls among EMS ambulance providers participating in the EMSC program, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-11-3.
- VI. WHEREAS FURTHER**, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-11-3, the Board is authorized to delegate its authority to approve or modify territorial zones and methods of distributing emergency calls among ambulance providers participating in the EMSC program after reviewing the recommendation of the local coordinating entity for the affected health district.
- VII. WHEREAS FURTHER**, each health district has in place an established Regional EMS Council, which serves in an advisory capacity. Council members are composed of individuals who are both knowledgeable and interested in the EMS system, and represent a broad cross-section of the health district’s citizens including consumers, providers of healthcare services, and governmental entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT:


Section 1.

The Board hereby designates the **Regional Emergency Medical Services Council** in each health district to be the local coordinating entity responsible for recommending the manner in which the EMSC program is to be conducted, including the territories within each health district to be serviced by ambulance providers and the method for distributing emergency calls among ambulance providers participating in the EMSC program.

Section 2.

The Board hereby delegates the authority to the **Director of the Department's Division of Health Protection** to approve or modify territorial zones and methods of distributing emergency calls among ambulance providers participating in the EMSC program after reviewing the recommendation of the local coordinating entity for the affected health district.

This Resolution is hereby adopted this the 11th day of June, 2013.



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